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RUSSIAN OCCUPATION FORCES AID IN TA-LIEN RECONSTRUCTION

TA-LIEN REBUILDS STREETS, PARKS -- Wen-hui Pao, 25 Sep 49

Ta-lien, 23 September (NCNA) -- The city of Ta-lien (Dairen), which was almost completely destroyed by the Japanese only 4 years ago, is now again a city of cleanliness and beauty. Present-day Ta-lien owes its appearance to the local municipal government, the Russian Occupation Forces, and the people in general who have all worked hard toward rebuilding their city.

During the past 4 years they have rebuilt or newly built 883,000 square meters of streets, repaired and improved 18 bridges, cleaned 15,000 wells, and removed 3,900 cubic meters of debris. They have enlarged the Chu-te and M -chu parade grounds, repaired the Chung-shan parade ground, rebuilt Nu-li and La-hsun parks, built recreational and educational facilities in these parks, planted about 100,000 trees, and installed more than 5,000 street lights.

Not only has the city been beautified but the people's health has also been improved. As the result of programs to combat contagious diseases carried out by the City Health Department, the number of patients in 1948 was reduced to 69, in comparison to 1,160 in 1946. Reconstruction expenses for the first 6 months of 1949 for such items as construction, public health, and education have been increased over the same period of 1948 by 142 percent, 133 percent, and 144 percent, respectively.

BUDDHIST MONKS AT WORK -- Wen-hui Pao, 30 Sep 49

Hang-chou -- Since the liberation the monks of the Ling-yin Monastery on West Lake have been devoting themselves to productive labor of different types according to age. Those 25-35 years of age do weaving and dyeing; those 35-45 cultivate the land; those 45-55 have housekeeping duties; those over 55 engage in reading the sutras and in prayers. In former days, several grades of meals were served; now the monks all eat the same, limiting themselves to one vegetable [with their rice].

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NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS WORK EXPANDING -- Wen-hui Pao, 12 Sep 49

Hsi-an, 11 September -- The New People's Democratic Youth Corps organization in the Northwest is rapidly expanding. A Committee of 17 members constitutes the controlling committee for the area organized by direction of the Central Committee.

Work committees have been established in several of the large cities and about 20,000 members have been enrolled.

The organization is establishing a cadre school for continuous large-scale cadre training. A weekly paper called Ch'ing-nien Sheng-huo (Youth Life) is being planned.

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